

September 2008

Potato Creek State Park


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PLEASE NOTE: Programs are free of charge (except as noted) and open to the public after paying the park admission fee.
All programs begin promptly at scheduled times. (Eastern Time Zone)
PARENTS: an adult must accompany Children under 14.


SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. **FISH FACES** - Try the art of fish printing. Bring a washed T-shirt to decorate or use our paper. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 12:30 p.m. **HOOSIER QUEST SERIES** - Find out how you can earn a patch and more in this new program. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **OSPREY TALK** -.Come learn about osprey in Indiana and what we've done here in the park. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 8:00 p.m. **BAT CHAT & WATCH** - Join us on a short twilight walk to learn about and observe bats. 1 hour. **MEET: WHISPERING WINDS P. LOT**


SUNDAY, AUGUST 31, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. **FEEDING TIME** - Stop by the Nature Center to watch the animals being fed. 30 minutes **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 12:30 p.m. **HOOSIER QUEST SERIES** - Find out how you can earn a patch and more in this new program. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
-  2:00 p.m. **FARMLAND TO PARKLAND** - This slide show will look at the park's history and development. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. **TURTLE TOPPERS** - Learn about turtles and make yourself a turtle topper to take home with you. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 12:30 p.m. **HOOSIER QUEST SERIES** - Find out how you can earn a patch and more in this new program. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 2:00 p.m. **SLAKESSSS!** - Learn a little about the snakes of the area and then meet one up close. 30 minutes.  **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

- 10:00 a.m. **IN-SHAPE HIKE** - Come take a 2 mile hike with us as we participate in the Governor's In-Shape Indiana program. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
- 10:00 a.m. **IN-SHAPE MOUNTAIN BIKE GROUP RIDE** - Come ride the 6.6 mile mountain bike trail to participate in the Governor's In-Shape Indiana program. Helmets required. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**
-  2:00 p.m. **BEAVER TALES & WORSTER LAKE** - Hear a little about these fascinating animals and the park's lake levels as well. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2008

- 2:00 p.m. **OH DEER!** - We'll take a look at the fascinating white-tail deer and the controversies surrounding them. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2008



- 10:00 a.m. SPIDERS!!** - Could you make a web? Find out how it's done as we take a look at these fascinating creatures. 30 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- 2:00 p.m. FISH KILL FACTS** - Come hear about the gizzard shad reduction and its effects on the lake and fishing. 40 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2008

- 2:00 p.m. BIRD ID BASICS** - Brush up on your identification techniques as the fall migration is under way. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2008

- 7:00 p.m. GUEST SPEAKER ON PRAIRIES** – Scott Namestnik from J.F. New will speak about prairies at the Friends meeting. 1 hour. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

PRAIRIE MAZE OPENS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20 - Get a maze guide and test your skills to find your way through the maze and learn about the tall grass prairie at the same time. Guide maps are available at the Nature Center and Main Gate and Park Office.

Park at Deer Meadows Picnic Area.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008

- 10a.m. - 3p.m. LAKE SHORE CLEAN UP** – Help the Friends group on this clean up project. Come for an hour or the day. Bring gloves. **MEET: WHISPERING WINDS PICNIC AREA**
- 10:00 a.m. LEAF RUBBING** – Make your own leaf guide to take home using this creative rubbing technique. 45 minutes. **MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM**
- Noon - 5p.m. HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS (day 1)** - This is a 10 hour course. You must attend both days to receive your certification. Pre registration is requested, but not required. Call the park at (574) 656-8186. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2008

- Noon - 5p.m. HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS (day 2)** - This is a 10 hour course. You must attend both days to receive your certification. **MEET: NATURE CENTER**

September Nature Center Hours (Eastern Time)

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 5:00 p.m. Sunday: Noon - 5:00 p.m.

Weekdays: Noon-4:00p.m. CLOSED: September 2-3, 9-11, 16-18, 23, 25, 30



Prairie Harvest Weekend

Prairie Maze: Park at Deer Meadows. Pick up guide maps at main gate & nature center.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2008



10:00 a.m.

PRESCRIBED FIRE DEMONSTRATION – Hear a little about the planning of a prescribed prairie fire and then see some of the tools demonstrated. (weather permitting)
MEET: NATURE CENTER

1:00 p.m.

WOOLY BEARS (\$1 fee) - It's about time for "wooly-watching." Learn a little about these fuzzy caterpillars and then create one of your own to take home.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

2:00 p.m.

LEAF PRINT BANDANA (\$5 fee) – We'll share some crafty ways to capture fall colors and then let you decorate a bandana with colorful leaf prints. Limit 40.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

Craft Session Fees - Material fees are per craft supply set. There will be a limited number on some crafts. Craft tickets may be purchased in the Nature Center on Saturday September 27 beginning at 9:00 am.

3:00 p.m.

SCARE CROW DECORATING CONTEST (\$10/team fee) – Get together a team and come get creative to win a prize! There will be a limited number of scarecrows, so sign up early. Sign-up begins at 9am at Nature Center. **MEET: NATURE CENTER YARD**



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2008

10:00 a.m.

PRAIRIE WALK – Come along on this easy walk to see and learn more about the tall grass prairie of the past. 1 hour. **MEET: WHISPERING WINDS PICNIC AREA**

2:00 p.m.

AMERICA'S LOST LANDSCAPE: TALLGRASS PRAIRIE - This extraordinary video takes an in depth look at the prairie ecosystem and its history. 1 hour.

MEET: NATURE CENTER AUDITORIUM

